



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1711
PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 3327-2329

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Susumu Hoshi et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1711
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Application No.: 10/512,410)	Examiner: Jeffrey C. Mullis
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Filed: October 25, 2004)	Confirmation No.: 4613
)	
For: Block Copolymer and Composition)	Mail Stop AF
Thereof)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

The following is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 29, 2006, **the period for response having been extended to December 29, 2006 by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.**

In the Office Action of June 29, 2006 the Examiner continued to reject claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being obvious over Knoll.

A limitation in applicants' claims is that in the block copolymer, "40-80% by weight of the vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon polymer blocks have a molecular weight of 35,000 or less." In contrast, as argued in the last Reply, in Knoll's block copolymer 100% by weight of the vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon polymer blocks have a molecular weight of 35,000 or less. The Examiner disagrees, arguing that "block" does not